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I am writing to you with reference to the Syrian regime's letters and recent remarks delivered at the Security Council, General Assembly and other United Nations meetings, a list of which is attached herewith (see annex).

Turkey categorically rejects the hallucinatory allegations contained in these letters and remarks. These are nothing but futile efforts aimed at distorting the stark reality regarding the atrocities committed by the regime that amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity.

The Syrian regime has lost its legitimacy long ago. Its so-called "representative" in New York is not the legitimate representative of the Syrian people; his words or deeds have no validity whatsoever.

The regime has a well-documented and ever-growing record of use of chemical weapons against its obligations emanating from international agreements and conventions to which it is party.

The regime is the very root cause of all the problems emanating from the Syrian conflict and will be held accountable. We welcome, in this regard, the decision taken at the Chemical Weapons Convention Conference of the State Parties to give the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons the authority to attribute responsibility for the use of chemical weapons. This was an important demonstration of the international community's determination that the regime will never be allowed to wash its hands of its crimes.

I would be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Feridun H. **Sinirlioğlu**
Permanent Representative

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